

I am an avid listener of satellite radio, specifically XM Radio. I first subscribed to the service in October of 2002. I understand that the National Association of Broadcasters now has a petition (04-160) under review with the FCC to restrict the content delivered by the satellite broadcasters. Since I willingly pay for the services and broadcasts provided by XM Radio, I am puzzled why the services of XM Radio are any different than those provided by Satellite or Cable TV particularly the premium channels which certainly broadcast content that is not regulated by the FCC i.e. HBO's excellent Sopranos or Deadwood. There were less than 300,000 subscribers when I started this service. Today there are over 1.5 million. They clearly have a product that the U.S. consumers are embracing. Commercial radio has become stale and stagnant and in many cases offensive to listeners but it continues to be free and subsidized by it's advertisers. Satellite radio is largely subsidized by it's listeners and minimal advertisers. If their product was something we listeners did not want, we would vote with our pocketbook and cancel it. With commercial radio all we can do is turn it out or off. Please reject the petition 04-160.